



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton setting bolls was at 96 percent complete, bolls opening was 60 percent complete and cotton defoliated was at 8 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on almost three quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Arizona growers shipped potatoes. Additional rain received this week has maintained forage growth and has kept stock tanks from drying up in the Northwestern part of the State. Some rain also helped forage growth in the Southeastern part of the State. In Arizona, pasture conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. All but 17 of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 7 degrees below normal to 6 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 46 degrees at Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Teec Nos Pos, and Window Rock to a high of 116 degrees at Parker. All but 16 of the 52 weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Coolidge and Ajo at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Payson at 1.06 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Mohave was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	96	92	98	99
Bolls Opening.....	60	46	49	52
Defoliated.....	8	1	3	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.5	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	1	NA
Short	--	--	30	NA
Adequate	100	95	65	NA
Surplus	--	5	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	14	NA
Short	--	--	13	NA
Adequate	100	95	71	NA
Surplus	--	5	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	4	5	3	3
Poor	11	13	1	3
Fair	25	30	12	18
Good	33	33	47	44
Excellent.....	27	19	37	32
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	2
Poor	4	4	--	1
Fair	14	15	4	11
Good	54	50	52	49
Excellent.....	27	30	40	37
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	1	11	22
Poor	5	14	15	14
Fair	20	24	35	29
Good	43	40	31	29
Excellent.....	25	21	8	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_08272017.pdf